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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 24 February 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Colonel White, Messrs.
Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon, [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Again raised the question of what organization [redacted] should be assigned to if he is sent to [redacted] and approved DD/P's suggestion that we put this matter up to [redacted] since [redacted] is known to him. The Director also said we should possibly advise [redacted] of our proposed action at the same time an approach is made to [redacted]

b. Noted a cable [redacted] (IN 20950) commenting on the whereabouts of Ho Chi-Min and asked [redacted] to ensure that future cables on this subject are disseminated to him. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted there was an article in the current issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST by a Mr. Sherrod and suggested it might be well to query [redacted] Sherrod for any information they might have on Ho. The Director approved and Mr. Sheldon undertook to do this.

c. Referred to a cable from the [redacted] (IN 21055) and noted that possibly we were pressing [redacted] too hard in connection with political appointments. Mr. Wisner undertook to discuss this with [redacted]

d. Expressed some concern over the bona fides of [redacted] and asked [redacted] to determine, if possible, whether he [redacted] or our people had "suggested the packing case".

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

with Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Sheldon that there was urgency in settling (1) any duplication, (2) responsibility for political reporting and research; (3) responsibility for reporting on International Communism.

g. Asked Colonel White to follow up the conversation held yesterday with Congressman Rees.

h. Again raised the subject of the recent article appearing in AVIATION WEEKLY and was advised by Mr. Sheldon that its source had now been determined and, in fact, the subject matter of the article in question, less the photographs of the two Soviet aircraft, [redacted]

[redacted] The Director asked that [redacted]
[redacted] the investigation on this matter pushed.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Confirmed with the Director that [redacted] should not use the names of the CIA officers from whom he received a briefing, but merely indicate such briefing was furnished by representatives of the Agency.

b. Reported Congressman Taber did wish to see some of our buildings; however, no date for this tour has been set.

c. Referred to an article in today's NEW YORK TIMES which indicated that a number of former State Department employees, who had been let out for security reasons, had been hired by other governmental agencies and stated a quick check with Security indicated that none of these people had been employed by CIA and, in fact, we had worked very closely with the State Department security officials to guard against hiring such individuals.

Mr. Sheldon:

Stated NSA had requested our support in establishing five supergrades since that Agency has only one assigned at the present time. The Director indicated his willingness to call [redacted] and also to sign a letter to him indicating our concurrence in the NSA request.

